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BASIC DESCRIPTION OF HAZARDOUS MATERIAL

Forbiddance of interspersed additional information
in basic shipping descriptions

Transmitted by the Expert from the United States of America

Background

1. An intention of the dangerous goods documentation requirements in chapter 5.4 is to consistently provide basic information on dangerous goods being transported. Paragraph 5.4.1.2.2 requires that the basic description specified in 5.4.1.1.1 be in sequence, but it does not prohibit additional information from being interspersed within the basic description. Interspersing additional information within the basic description could lead to confusion. This could be particularly problematic in the case of dangerous goods incidents where emergency responders have been trained to expect only the basic information. It is proposed that text be added to prohibit the interspersing of additional information within the basic description.

Proposal

2. Modify 5.4.1.2.2 to include the words "with no additional information interspersed" so that the new 5.4.1.2.2 would read as follows:

"... shall appear in that sequence, with no additional information interspersed. An example ..."



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DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE MODEL REGULATIONS
ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

Other draft amendments

Deletion of absorbent packing material requirement for solid infectious substances

Transmitted by the Expert from the United States of America

1. Packing Instruction 620 (infectious substances) currently requires that an absorbent material be placed in infectious substance packagings between the primary receptacle(s) and the secondary packaging "in sufficient quantity to absorb the entire contents" of the packaging in case of a leak or breakage of the primary receptacle(s). It is proposed that text be added to the instruction to clarify that this requirement does not apply to solid infectious substances.
2. It is proposed that the following underlined words be added to paragraph (a)(iii) of Packing Instruction 620:

(iii) "other than for solid infectious substances, an absorbent material. . ."

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DRAFT AMENDMENT TO THE MODEL REGULATIONS

Chapter 3.2: Dangerous goods list

New UN number for Rockets with inert head

Transmitted by the expert from Norway

1. Introduction

Norway has recently tested a new type of practice rocket with inert head that showed 1.2C properties in the Test series 6(c). The only available entry for "Rockets with inert head" in the present Recommendations is UN No. 0183 in division 1.3C.

As of today there are no other possibilities open to us than to classify this rocket as "UN 0281 Rocket motors" or "UN 0466 Articles, explosive. n.o.s.", neither of which we feel are quite appropriate, since there already exists a separate entry for this type of explosive article with a different classification.

2. Proposal

Introduce in Chapter 3.2 of the Recommendations a new UN number:

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
05XX	ROCKETS with inert head	1.2C				NONE	130			

3. Consequential

If this proposal is taken, the following consequential amendments are necessary:

In "ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF SUBSTANCES AND ARTICLES", at the name
"Rockets with inert head" add: 1.2C 05XX

Under the heading "PARTICULAR PACKING PROVISIONS OR EXCEPTIONS" in Packing
Instruction 130 add at the end of the list of UN numbers: 05XX
